

That the Senate agreed to S.J. Res. 1.
That the Senate passed S. 496.
With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

FLEXIBLE PELL GRANTS FOR 21ST CENTURY STUDENTS

(Ms. STEFANIK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, the Pell Grant Program is the backbone of all Federal student aid. These grants provide access and opportunity to thousands of students across the country.

When I speak with North Country students and teachers in my district, I hear about the positive impacts of Pell grants. In my district, an average of 52 percent of students attending SUNY institutions are offered Pell grants.

Today's learners are different than previous generations, and their advancement toward completion is stifled by a Federal aid system built upon traditional spring and fall semesters. To support our students, I have introduced the Flexible Pell Grants for 21st Century Students Act, important legislation to expand access to Pell grants year-round. This change will allow students to accelerate toward completion and achieve their goals with less debt.

We must do more to bring flexibility to higher education, and I encourage all of my colleagues to support this important bill.

HONORING TRUCKER DUKES

(Ms. GABBARD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. GABBARD. Mr. Speaker, today let us honor and recognize a young Maui boy whose life touched hearts around the world and whose legacy will live on through the millions that he inspired.

Trucker Dukes was not quite 4 years old when he took his last breath this past Friday after a painful battle with stage IV neuroblastoma and 2 years of intense treatment.

Trucker's dad is a firefighter, and like father, like son, Trucker loved fire trucks. When Trucker went to New York for treatment, the New York Fire Department coordinated a very special third birthday party celebration and swore him in as an honorary firefighter.

After Trucker passed away, his parents, Shauna and Joshua, shared this message: "If there's one thing I hope, it is that you love a little harder . . . a

little better. Go home, stop the craziness in your life, and just kiss your loved ones more, tell them you love them more. None of us are promised tomorrow."

RECOGNIZING THE BEST BUDDIES FRIENDSHIP WALK IN SOUTH FLORIDA

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, since its creation in 1989, Best Buddies has grown into a leading nonprofit entity that has provided countless opportunities for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Through its eight programs, participants are able to learn social skills, leadership development, integrated employment, and so much more. Today, Best Buddies has a presence in all 50 States and has spread internationally across many continents.

I am also proud to say that the founder and the chairman of Best Buddies, Anthony Shriver, is a Floridian and a constituent.

This Saturday, Best Buddies will be hosting its South Florida Friendship Walk which will take place at Museum Park, located in my congressional district, and I pray for a safe and successful event.

I would like to express my tremendous appreciation to Best Buddies and the truly great people who support its cause.

HONORING THE LATE CONGRESS- MAN ENI FALEOMAVEGA

(Ms. JUDY CHU of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JUDY CHU of California. Mr. Speaker, as chair of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, or CAPAC, I rise today to honor our former colleague, the Honorable Eni Faleomavega of American Samoa, who passed away last month.

Eni was a true patriot, leader, and friend who dedicated his life to serving our country. His unwavering commitment to improving the lives of all Americans was integrally woven into the fabric of his distinguished military and public service career.

As a founding member of CAPAC, he was also a strong champion for the Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander community across the country.

Throughout his nearly three decades in Congress, he led notable efforts to secure critical funding for American Samoa and worked tirelessly to cultivate stronger U.S. relations throughout the Asia-Pacific region.

It was a privilege to work with Eni, and I will never forget his warmth and strong dedication to bettering our community and our country.

I thank Eni for his lifetime of leadership and service and send my thoughts to his family during this difficult time.

FIXING OUR BROKEN HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

(Mr. FLEISCHMANN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. FLEISCHMANN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today because ObamaCare has failed the American people; and one of its biggest failures is that, instead of lowering costs, healthcare prices have increased. Americans are paying more for coverage, and families are hurting.

In my State of Tennessee, premiums are rising by an average of 63 percent. Why pay so much for health insurance if you still can't afford to see a doctor? It puts us right back where we started. And no one—no one—thought the status quo before ObamaCare was good enough.

I am glad to see the American Health Care Act was released, and I look forward to working on specific legislative details with my colleagues so that we can finally fix our broken healthcare system.

THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

(Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my deep concern with the proposal put forward by my Republican colleagues to repeal the Affordable Care Act.

Most Americans want to increase access to health care, lower costs, and cover more Americans; but this bill, TrumpCare, will increase costs, limit access, and cover fewer Americans.

This plan will cut Medicaid, which has helped literally tens of thousands of people in my State—in the Granite State—access health insurance for the first time.

It has increased treatment and recovery services for those struggling with substance use disorder.

We, like many States across this country, are grappling with a heroin epidemic. People are dying in my district from heroin overdoses and the fatal synthetic fentanyl. For the first time, they have access to health care. They have access to drug treatment. They have access to recovery services. And yet this bill will pull the rug out from underneath these Granite Staters and their families.

I urge my colleagues to vote "no."

AMERICANS HURT BY OBAMACARE

(Mr. GIBBS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GIBBS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to talk about Melanie, a constituent from Ohio's Seventh Congressional District.